

News Release

Annual International Dinner Series at U of M Crookston Highlights Culture and Cuisine of China, Ghana, and Nepal; Dinners will be held on March 7, 21, 28, and April 6

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The wonderful flavors and unique cultures of countries across the world are the center of the popular International Dinner Series at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. Dinners in the 2011 series, featuring China, Ghana, and Nepal, are scheduled for March 7, 21, 28, and April 6, and begin each evening at 6 p.m. in the Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. Tickets for the dinner series are available by contacting Rae French at 218-281-8339 (rfrench@umn.edu). Adult and senior tickets are \$15 per evening or \$50 for the entire series. Children under 10 years of age are \$10 per evening or \$35 for the entire series. Tickets are limited.

Students representing each of the featured countries will share their favorite dishes and a special presentation related to their home country. The series concludes with an international dinner and showcase.

The evening of Monday, March 7, features the country of China. Join Senior Qian Liu, a business management major from Guangdong, China, as she presents "So you think you know China?" Traditional dance along with special selections from the U of M, Crookston choir will highlight the evening.

On Monday, March 21, Ghana is the featured country for the evening. Senior Nana Boaten, a marketing major from Accura, Ghana, will present with Senior Shawn Friedland, a biology major from New Bern, N.C., who worked at a health clinic in a village in Ghana in the summer of 2010. Music from the U of M, Crookston choir will be a part of the evening.

For guests on the evening of Monday, March 28, the country of Nepal will be the focus. Senior Lhakpa Gurung, an early childhood education major from Mustang, Nepal, will share information on educational systems of Nepal. The evening will include traditional dancing and music from the music department on the Crookston campus.

The final event in the series on Wednesday, April 6, is a dinner hosted by the International and Multicultural Club and includes talent showcase, along with demonstrations, table displays, and entertainment from countries all over the world. At 4:30 p.m. students will present a showcase of talent followed by the dinner at 6 p.m.



The International Dinner Series is a longstanding tradition at the U of M, Crookston and highlights the culture and cuisine of selected countries annually. To learn more about international programs, visit www.umcrookston.edu/international.

Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston delivers 29 bachelor's degree programs, 18 minors, and more than 40 concentrations, including several online degrees, in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of about 1,400 undergraduates from more than 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

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